**Norman Davenport Lutheran Worship**

**Fourth Sunday in Lent/Holy Communion**

**Sunday, March 14, 2021**

**GATHERING**                                                                               The Holy Spirit calls us together as the people of God.

**CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS (ELW p. 94)***The assembly stands. All may make the sign of the cross, the sign that is marked at baptism, as the presiding minister begins.*

**GATHERING HYMN:***My Faith Looks Up to Thee*

**(ELW page 759)**

**GREETING (ELW p. 147)**

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God,

and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

**And also with you.**

**Scripture Verse for God's Children:***"* *We love because he first loved us.” 1 John 4:19*

**Norman: Words of Institution/Lord's Prayer**

**Holy Communion/Communion Hymn:**  *Lift High the Cross***(ELW 660)**

**Davenport: Song for God’s Children:***Change My Heart, O God***(page 801 2x)**

**BLESSING PRAYER:** “God be in my head. God be in my heart. God be on my left. And God be on my right.”

**SHARING OF PEACE***Stand and share God's peace with a friendly wave and a shout.                                        Norman: Children are dismissed for SS with their Helpers*

**PRAYER OF THE DAY (on insert)**

**INSTALLATION OF OFFICERS:**

The following persons, having been elected (by the congregation) to positions of leadership, are asked to come forward as their offices and names are read.

**APOSTLES’ CREED (ELW p. 152)**

**I believe in God, the Father almighty,**

**creator of heaven and earth.**

**I believe in Jesus Christ, God’s only Son, our Lord,**

**who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,**

**born of the virgin Mary,**

**suffered under Pontius Pilate,**

**was crucified, died, and was buried;**

**he descended to the dead.\***

**On the third day he rose again;**

**he ascended into heaven,**

**he is seated at the right hand of the Father,**

**and he will come to judge the living and the dead.**

**I believe in the Holy Spirit,**

**the holy catholic church,**

**the communion of saints,**

**the forgiveness of sins,**

**the resurrection of the body,**

**and the life everlasting. Amen.**

**WORD**

God speaks to us in scripture reading, preaching, and song.

**FIRST READING: Numbers 21:4-9**(on insert)

**PSALM: Psalm 107:1-3, 17-22**(on insert)

**SECOND READING: Ephesians 2:1-10**(on insert)

**PULPIT HYMN:***Lord Let My Heart Be Good Soil* **(ELW pg. 512)**

**GOSPEL ACCLAMATION (ELW P. 151)**

**GOSPEL: John 3:14-21**(on insert)

***Please stand as you are able***

The holy gospel according to John.

**Glory to you, O Lord.**

The gospel of the Lord.

**Praise to you, O Christ.**

***The assembly is seated.***

**SERMON**

**HYMN OF THE DAY** *God of This City* by Chris Tomlin

**PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION**Guided by Christ made known to the nations, let us offer our prayers for the church, the world, and all people in need.

Lord in your mercy.                                                                      R: **Hear our prayer.**

**OFFERING PRAYER (ELW p. 152) *(Offering box is located at the entrance of the Sanctuary. Thank You)***

Let us pray. (Unison)

God our provider, you have not fed us with bread alone, but with words of grace and life. Bless us and these your gifts, which we receive from your bounty, through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

**DAVENPORT:  WORDS OF INSTITUTION/**

**LORD’S PRAYER (ELW p. 154)                                                    Our Father, who art in heaven,**

**hallowed be thy name,**

**thy kingdom come,**

**thy will be done,**

**on earth as it is in heaven.**

**Give us this day our daily bread;**

**and forgive us our trespasses,**

**as we forgive those**

**who trespass against us;**

**and lead us not into temptation,**

**but deliver us from evil.**

**For thine is the kingdom,**

**and the power, and the glory,**

**forever and ever. Amen.**

**COMMUNION SONG:***Lift High the Cross***(ELW 660)**

**SENDING**

God blesses us and sends us in mission to the world.

**BLESSING (ELW p. 155)**The Lord bless you and keep you.                                                    The Lord’s face shine on you with grace and mercy.                                        The Lord look upon you with favor and ☩ give you peace. **Amen.**

**SENDING SONG***: In the Cross of Christ I Glory***(ELW 324)**

**DISMISSAL (ELW p. 155)**

Go in peace. Serve the Lord. **Thanks be to God**